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Allowable Subject Matter

The period for seeking court review of the decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered October 29, 1999 has expired and no further action has been taken by appellant. The proceedings as to the rejected claims are considered terminated; see 37 CFR 1.197(c).

The application will be passed to issue on allowed claims 1-15 provided the following three (3) formal matters are promptly corrected:

(1). The informalities noted in Footnote Number 2 of the Board of Appeals Decision should be corrected. Specifically, "perpendicular" should be changed to --substantially perpendicular-- in claims 1 and 13, and the lack of antecedent basis for "said means for inflating" in claim 2 should be corrected.

Note that new requirements for the manner of making amendments in reissue applications became effective on December 1, 1997. The amendment must include the entire text of each claim which is being amended. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(2).

(2). The Amended Drawing Figure (received September 4, 1996) must be identified as "amended" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(b)(3)(i). A sketch in permanent ink showing this

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identification label in red on the Amended Drawing Figure must be filed for approval by the examiner and should be in a separate paper as specified by 37 CFR 1.121(b)(3)(ii).

(3). A supplemental Oath or Declaration is Required.

(A). The oath or declaration must identify each inventor by full name, and each inventor's residence, post office address and country of citizenship as required by 37 CFR 1.63(a)(3). When filed by the assignee, the required information must be present, even if asserted that it is based on the last available information known to assignee ("upon information and belief").

(B). The oath or declaration must state that "all errors being corrected in the reissue application up to the time of the filing of the oath or declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant" (37 CFR 1.175(a)(2) or language equivalent thereto).

Prosecution is otherwise closed.

Applicant is required to make the necessary corrections addressing the outstanding formal matters within a shortened statutory period set to expire ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this letter. Extensions of time may be granted under 37 CFR 1.136.

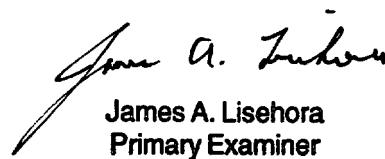
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jim Lisehora whose telephone number is (703) 308-2145.

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